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EVAUATION OF STATUTORY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been undertaken to examine and evaluate the functioning of the University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Medical Council of India (MCI), Bar Council of India (BCI) and other statutory bodies imparting education and training in various professional courses to make their working more effective;

(b) if so, the outcome of the review alongwith its recommendations; and

(c) the time by which these recommendations are likely to be operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c) : Government has constituted on 28.2.2008 a UGC/AICTE Review Committee to review the role and functioning of UGC/ AICTE in the wake of changes in higher, professional and technical education in India and demands of a new knowledge economy. The term of reference of the Committee are annexed. The Committee is expected to submit its report within a period of one year from the date of its notification.

Annexure referred to in parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha USQ No. 1736 to be answered on 12.03.2008

The terms of reference of the Committee UGC/AICTE Review Committee to review the role and functioning of UGC/ AICTE in the wake of changes in higher, professional and technical education in India and demands of a new knowledge economy constituted on 28.2.2008:

a) To review the functioning of the UGC/ AICTE and to critically assess the role of the UGC /AICTE and their preparedness to provide institutional leadership to the emerging demands of access, equity, relevance and quality of higher education/ technical education and the university system.

b) To review the provisions of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and the All India Council for Technical Education Act 1987 and various suggestions for amendments to the said Acts by earlier Committees such as the Prof. Amreek Singh Committee.

c) The role of the UGC in coordinating standards of higher education vis-Ã -vis the functional role of other statutory bodies such as AICTE, MCI, DCI, NCI, NCTE, DEC, etc.

d) An assessment of the requirements of autonomy of the UGC vis-Ã -vis the Central Government and that of the university system vis-Ã -vis the UGC.

e) The role of the UGC/AICTE in determining and enforcing standards of higher education /technical education in State Universities and the possibility of introducing a system of incentives and disincentives so that national standards of higher education / technical education are not compromised or diluted.

f) Recommendations in regard to an effective and efficient mechanism for flow of resources from the UGC to the universities for their timely utilization including mechanism of feedback thereto.

g) The requirement of transparency and efficiency in the functioning of the UGC/ AICTE. h) The role of the UGC vis-Ã -vis declaration of institutions to be deemed universities and recommendations for streamlining the process adopted by the UGC.

i) Recommendations about the need to change the eligibility criteria for becoming eligible to receive grants under Section 12B of the UGC Act 1956.

j) Any other issue arising out of or relating to the above terms of reference and , the functioning of the UGC/ AICTE which the Government or the Committee on its own, may desire t look into.